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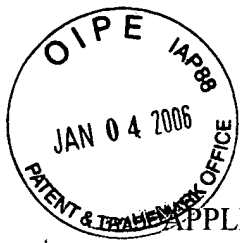
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In response to the Official Action of November 30, 2005, response being due with a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 30, 2005, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

In the Official Action, election was required between the various species of the present application. In particular, the species were identified as Group I, namely Figure 1, Group II, namely Figure 2, Group III, namely Figure 3, Group VI, namely Figure 4, Group V, namely Figure 5, and Group VI, namely Figure 6.

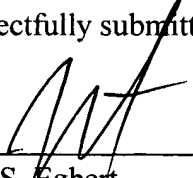
Applicant herein elects the subject of Group II for the purposes of the initial examination. Group II pertains to Figure 2 of the originally submitted drawings. It should be noted that Figure 4 is merely an alternative mode of Figure 2. Additionally, the embodiments referred to in Figures 5 - 7 all depend from Figure 2. The claims which pertain to Figure 2 and structure which depends from Figure 2, are represented by Claims 1 - 4, 6 and 9 - 17.

Based upon the present election, Applicant respectfully contends that an Official Action on the merits is in order and such is respectfully requested.

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